REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action:

Claims 1-7, 10-22, 25-28, 30, and 35-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,957,397 to Hawkins et al. ("Hawkins").

Claim 6 has been objected to for missing punctuation.

Summary of the Response:

Claims 6 and 21 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Independent Claim 1

Claim 1 recites in part "process navigation input to navigate to the menu bar of the active first menu, including navigation input to cause the menu bar of the active first menu to be selectable." None of the references cited by the Examiner disclose or suggest causing the **menu bar** of the active first menu **to be selectable** as recited in Claim 1.

In describing a selectable menu bar, Applicant's specification and Figure 1B states: discussions

> FIG. 1B illustrates handheld computer 100 in a state where the menu bar 132 is selectable... In an embodiment, *when the menu bar 132 is made selectable, none of the other menu items 134 in the application menu 130 are indicated as being selectable. Rather, only menu bar 132 is highlighted.* This state corresponds to menu bar 132 being selectable. If selection input is entered when the menu bar 132 is selectable, the application menu 130 is cancelled. (Specification, page 9, line 23 - page 10, line 6).

Claim 1 also recites "process selection input for when the menu bar is selectable; and cancel activation of the first menu from the display in response to (i) the menu bar of the first menu being selectable and (ii) the selection input for the menu bar being processed." This limitation is also not disclosed in any of the cited references.

As none of the references cited by the Examiner disclose the above recited limitations of Claim 1, Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-7 and 10-21 are not anticipated

by the cited references. Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 1-7 and 10-21 are allowable.

Independent Claim 22

Claim 22 recites in part "wherein the processor is configured to cancel activation of the one or more sets of menu items in response to (i) navigation input to cause the menu bar to be in a selectable state, and (ii) selection input for selecting the menu bar from the selectable state."

The references cited by the Examiner do not disclose or suggest navigation input to cause the ***menu bar to be in a selectable state***, and selection input for selecting the menu bar from the selectable state as recited in Claim 22.

Because none of the cited references disclose or suggest the above recited limitations of Claim 22, Claim 22, nor dependent Claims 25-28 and 30 are anticipated by the cited references. Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 22, 25-28, and 30 are allowable.

Independent Claim 35

Claim 35 recites in part "a multi-directional input feature provided on the panel of the housing and operable in four or more directions to enable a user to enter (i) a navigation input for at least each of the four directions, and (ii) a selection input."

None of the references cited by the Examiner disclose or suggest a ***multi-directional input feature*** that is ***operable in four or more directions*** as recited in Claim 35.

Because none of the cited references disclose or suggest the above recited limitations of Claim 35, Claim 35, and dependent Claims 36-44 are not anticipated by the cited references. Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 35-44 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-7, 10-22, 25-28, 30, and 35-44 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if there are any issues that remain to be resolved prior to allowance of the claims.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Please charge deposit account 50-1914 for any underpayments in connection with this Office Action response.

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